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## BOOKS.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$7,500,000  
Reserve Fund, \$3,900,000  
Reserve Liability of Pro-  
prietary, \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman, G. D. BENTON, Esq.  
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CHIEF MANAGER.  
Hongkong, THOMAS J. JACKSON, Esq.  
Shanghai, E. W. CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS:—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.  
Interest on deposits.  
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.  
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, September 20, 1887. 363

## NOTICE.

### RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 754

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

### NOTICE.

WE Have THIS DAY ADMITTED MR. MARCUS DAVID EZEKIEL, a Partner in our Firm in Hongkong and China.  
E. D. SASSOON & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1888. 4

### NOTICE.

MR. M. GROTE has THIS DAY been Admitted a Partner in our Firm CHATER & VERNON.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1888. 5

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MR. ALFRED TIDSWELL DUVAL in our Firm ceased on the 31st December, 1887.  
DRAKON & Co.  
Canton, 7th January, 1888. 45

### NOTICE.

WE Have authorized MR. GUSTAV DEGENERER to show our Firm by Procuration from this date, in Hongkong and China.  
CARLOWITZ & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1888. 9

## Notice of Firm.

### NOTICE.

MR. EZEKIEL ABRAHAM SOLOMON has been Admitted a Partner in our Firm in Hongkong from the 1st Instant.  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, January 11, 1888. 64

## Intimations.



### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

IN View of the extreme difficulty which is at present experienced, and which is likely to recur, of maintaining a SUPPLY of FRESH VACCINE LYMPH, His Excellency the Governor has in contemplation the Provision of the requisite means for obtaining at all times within the Colony LYMPH FRESH from the CALF.

In the belief that this advantage may be best attained by private enterprise, under Government supervision, His Excellency invites proposals on the subject, to be forwarded through the Colonial Secretary, stating what conditions would be fulfilled for the accomplishment of the above object, and on what terms.

By Command,  
FREDERICK STEWART,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 11th January, 1888. 66

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 8 (SPECIAL)

### CHINA SEA.

#### SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

##### WOOSUNG LIGHTHOUSE.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in consequence of changes that have taken place in the banks bounding the Channel across the Woosung Outer Bar, the WOOSUNG LIGHT WILL BE ALTERED on the 3rd January, 1888, to show:—

White between the bank of the Yangtze to the north-westward of the Lighthouse and S. 0° 5' W.

Green between S. 0° 5' W. and S. 67° 20' W.

White between S. 57° 20' W. and S. 70° 0' W.

Red between S. 70° 0' W. and the left (Western) bank of the Woosung River.

The Bearings are Magnetic and from seaward.

A. M. BISBEE,  
Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs,  
Coast Inspector's Office,  
Shanghai, 4th January, 1888. 52

## ANDREW JOHNSTON,

General Engineer,  
MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

## PLANS AND ESTIMATES prepared for

LIGHT-DRAUGHT STEAMERS, STEAM LAUNCHES, MARINE ENGINES and BOILERS, and all other kinds of MACHINERY.

A List of Steamers FOR SALE always on hand.

The Address as above.

Hongkong, January 4, 1888. 21

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are SOLE AGENTS for Hongkong and Manila for the SALE of THE MONTERRAT LIME JUICE.

THE MONTERRAT LIME JUICE CORDIALS.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, May 3, 1887. 864

## J. D. KILEY,

SAIL-MAKER.

## TENTS, AWNINGS AND

FLAGS.

No. 23, Praya Central,  
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, November 1, 1887. 2135

## KAFFLES HOTEL,

2, Beach Road, Singapore.

## MESSRS. SARKIES BROTHERS

have the honour to inform their FRIENDS and PATRONS that they have OPENED the above HOTEL on the 1st of December.

The Situation is one of the best and healthiest in the town, facing the sea, and within a few minutes' walk of the Public Office and the Square.

Great care and attention have been taken in every detail, and those frequenting it will find every convenience and home comfort.

From the great experience Messrs. SARKIES BROTHERS have gained in the MANAGEMENT of the EASTERN and the ORIENTAL HOTELS in Penang, and the success that has attended them, they are confident that the 'KAFFLES HOTEL' will meet a great want long felt in Singapore. The sole endeavour of the Proprietors will be to attend to the comfort of their VISITORS.

TERMS MODERATE.

SARKIES BROTHERS,  
Proprietors.  
21st December, 1887. 2473

## DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

MODERATE FEES.

## MR. WONG TAI-FONG,

Surgeon Dentist,  
(Formerly Assistant to Dr. ROGERS.)

The urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. ROGERS.

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

## CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to relatives and families.

Sole Address

2, DUDDELL STREET,  
(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)  
Hongkong, January 12, 1888. 66

## Business Notices.

### FOR SALE.

#### SMITH'S GLASGOW

#### Tobaccos:

SMITH'S CUT NAVY.

SMITH'S FLAKED GOLD LEAF.

SMITH'S GLASGOW MIXTURE.

SMITH'S GOLDEN BIRDSEYE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 9, 1888. 61

## Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved, and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are quickly well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE,  
Proprietors.  
Hongkong, September 16, 1888. 1612

## W. POWELL & Co.,

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S WARM CLOTHING.

CASHMERE AND MERINO VESTS.

CASHMERE AND MERINO COMBINATIONS.

CASHMERE HOSE, all sizes and colours.

KNITTED WOOL TIES AND JACKETS.

WOOL SHAWLS AND HOODS.

KNITTED CATERPILLAR AND BLOUSE.

WOOL HATS AND TIE SHIRT.

(TELEPHONE 21).

VICTORIA EXHIBITION, December 28, 1887. 2522

## ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters.

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

## NEW WINTER GOODS.

LAMB'S WOOL and SHEPHERD WOOL UNDERVESTS

and PANTS, CARDIGAN JACKETS, Hand KNIT

HOSE and HOSE, CASHMERE MERINO and SILK

HOSE, BOOTS and SHOES from the best manufacturers.

DRAB CLOTH SEATS, KID and WOOL-LINED GLOVES.

TRAVELLING RUGS and SCOTCH PLAIDS.

OVERLAND TRUNKS, PORTMANTEAUS and HAND-BAGS, &c.

## TAILORING—OVER-COATINGS, SUITING, AND TROUSERS

SEWING in large Variety of Materials.

Hongkong, January 3, 1888. 11

## STAG HOTEL,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

J. COOK, Proprietor.

THE HOTEL IS CENTRALLY SITUATED AND WITHIN A FEW MINUTES' WALK FROM THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE.

TIFFIN AT 1 o'clock. DINNER AT 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINE, SPIRITS and MALT LIQUORS of the VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, April, 1887. 607

## Intimations.

### PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF

HONGKONG, No. 165.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the PRIMAVERA HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY EVENING, the 16th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially invited.

Hongkong, January 10, 1888. 56

## THE BRITISH BARQUE NARDOO.

The Undersigned being about to PURCHASE the BRITISH BARQUE Nardoo, the Transfer thereof will be effected within one month from this date hereby request all Persons having CLAIMS against the said Vessel to send Particulars of such Claims to the Undersigned on or before the 31st January, 1888.

PEN KEE,  
Hongkong, January 4, 1888. 18

## NOTICE.

AS the Undersigned is leaving for India, Notice is hereby given that all Creditors and other Persons having any CLAIMS or DEMAND upon or against him are required to send in same for Settlement on or before 31st Instant.

All Parties INDEBTED to the Undersigned are also hereby requested to make immediate PAYMENT.

SHEIKHALLI FAZULALLY.

Hongkong, January 1, 1888. 14

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SINGAPORE, PENANG,  
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT  
MALTA, MARSEILLES, GI  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, I  
TRIESTE, PLYMOUTH  
AND LONDON.

ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA  
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on  
of Lading for BATAVIA,  
GULF PORTS, MAJ  
TRIESTE, HAMBURG, S  
AND BOSTON.

SPECIAL ONLY LANDED AT PL

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENT  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S  
SUTLEY, Capt. W. W. WOODS,  
with Her Majesty's Mail, will be  
from this for LONDON, via  
and SUEZ CANAL, on TUES  
17th January, at 10 a.m.  
Cargo will be received on  
10 a.m. on the day of sailing.  
Parcels and Specie (Gold) at  
until Noon on the day of sailing.  
Tea, Silk and Valuables to  
will be transhipped at Colon  
and SUEZ CANAL, on TUES  
17th January, at 10 a.m.  
via BOMBAY without transhipment  
one week later than the ordinary  
route via Colombo.

For further Particulars  
FREIGHT AND PASSAGE, apply to  
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.  
The Contents and Value of Packages  
are required to be declared prior to shipment.  
Shippers are particularly requested to  
note the terms and conditions of the Com  
pany's Black Bill of Lading.  
Passengers desirous of insuring their bag  
gage can do so on application at the Com  
pany's Office.

E. L. WOODIN,  
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, January 6, 1888.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND THROUGH  
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY  
OF PEKING will be despatched  
from San Francisco via Yokohama, on  
SATURDAY, the 21st Proximo, at 3 p.m.,  
taking Passengers and Freight for Japan,  
the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan  
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and  
Inland Cities of the United States, via Over  
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and  
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central  
and South America, by the Company's and  
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to  
England, France, Germany by all trans  
Atlantic lines of Steamers, at proportionate  
rates.

First-class fares granted as follows:—  
To San Francisco ..... \$200.00  
To San Francisco and return, ..... \$350.00  
To Liverpool ..... \$330.00  
To London ..... \$330.00

To other European ports at proportionate  
rates.

Special reduced rates granted to  
Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service  
and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be  
obtained on application.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re  
embarking at San Francisco for China or  
Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be  
allowed a discount of 10%.

This discount does not apply to through fares from China  
and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4  
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel  
Packages will be received at the Office until  
5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo  
destined to ports beyond San Francisco,  
in the United States, should be sent to the  
Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes,  
addressed to the Collector of Customs at San  
Francisco.

For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 60A, Queen's Road Central.

O. D. HARMAN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, December 20, 1887.

NORDBREITSCHE LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,  
SUEZ, PORT  
SAID, BRINDISI, GENOA,  
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG  
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK  
SEA & BALTIC PORTS;

ALSO,  
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,  
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,  
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICA  
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL  
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS  
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through  
of Lading for the principal place  
RUSSIA.

ON MONDAY, the 23rd day of Jan  
1888, at 4 p.m., the Comp  
Steamship NECKAR, Captain S  
with MALES, PASSENGERS, S  
and CARGO, will leave this port as  
calling at Genoa.

Shipping Orders will be granted  
Noon. Cargo will be received on  
until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels  
p.m. on the 22nd January. (Par  
not to be sent on board; they in  
left at the Agent's Office). Con  
Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accom  
and carries a Doctor and Stewards.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
MELOCHERS &  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 27, 1887.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of  
Company, are authorized  
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN  
Hongkong, January 1, 1888.

## To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates  
for CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports  
on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship  
Peking, Captain Hsu, will be  
despatched as above TO  
MORROW, the 13th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 12, 1888.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamship  
Phra Chon Kiao, Captain J. Fowles, will  
be despatched for the above  
Ports on SUNDAY, the 15th Inst.,  
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
YUEN FAT HONG,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 12, 1888.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

The Company's Steamship  
Phra Chon Kiao, Captain J. Fowles, will  
be despatched for the above  
Ports on SUNDAY, the 15th Inst.,  
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPELLE & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 12, 1888.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship  
Haitan, Captain Smith, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on SUNDAY, the 15th Inst.,  
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPELLE & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 12, 1888.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY AND  
MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship  
Tianan, W. N. Allison, Com'dr, will  
be despatched as above on  
FRIDAY, the 20th Instant, at  
4 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed  
to the Superior Accommodation offered by  
this Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabins  
are situated forward of the Engines.  
Second Class Passengers are berthed in the  
Poop. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures  
the supply of Fresh Provisions during the  
entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is  
carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 12, 1888.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY,  
MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ,  
PORT SAID.

REDIRECT SERVICE AND  
BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,  
MARSEILLES, AND PORTS  
OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

ALSO  
LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX,  
DUNKIRK AND ANTWERP.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 25th January,  
1888, at Noon, the Company's Steamship  
DIEMER, Capt. de Mesmaeker, will  
leave with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be received for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and  
accepted in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4  
p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on  
the 24th January, 1888. (Parcels are not to  
be sent on board; they must be left at  
the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are re  
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, January 12, 1888.

NOTICE.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT  
RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,  
SUEZ, PORT  
SAID, BRINDISI, GENOA,  
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG  
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK  
SEA & BALTIC PORTS;

ALSO,  
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,  
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,  
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICA  
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL  
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS  
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through  
of Lading for the principal place  
RUSSIA.

ON MONDAY, the 23rd day of Jan  
1888, at 4 p.m., the Comp  
Steamship NECKAR, Captain S  
with MALES, PASSENGERS, S  
and CARGO, will leave this port as  
calling at Genoa.

Shipping Orders will be granted  
Noon. Cargo will be received on  
until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels  
p.m. on the 22nd January. (Par  
not to be sent on board; they in  
left at the Agent's Office). Con  
Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accom  
and carries a Doctor and Stewards.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
MELOCHERS &  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 27, 1887.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of  
Company, are authorized  
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN  
Hongkong, January 1, 1888.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALLEN ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain J.  
Phillips.—Wielor & Co.

JOHN D. BURWEL, Amer. barque, Capt.  
W. L. Josselyn.—Russell & Co.

MANUEL, Spanish barque, Capt. Estival.  
—Remedios & Co.

MARY L. CUSHING, American ship, Capt.  
P. F. Brown.—Paxton & Co.

TARAFACA, British barque, Captain J. E.  
McArthur.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 11, 1888:—  
Amoy, British steamer, 815, R. Köhler,  
Shanghai January 8, General.—SIEMSEN &  
Co.

January 12:—  
Pookang, British steamer, from Wham  
poa.

Fushun, Chinese steamer, from Wham  
poa.

Haitan, British steamer, 1,132, S. Ash  
ton, Foochow January 8, Amoy 9, and  
Swatow 11, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP  
Co.

Santa Flomana, Spanish schooner, 449,  
J. de Mendiguren, Iloilo December 31,  
General.—KWONG CHEONG TAI.

Freja, Danish steamer, 307, C. A. Land,  
Haiphong January 9, and Hothow 11,  
General.—ANNHOLD, KARBENSE & Co.

Dembe, British steamer, 561, R. Un  
sworth, Haiphong January 10, General.—  
A. R. MARTY.

DEPARTURES.

January 12:—  
Ballarat, for Shanghai,  
Cheong Hock Kien, for Swatow.  
Tsinong, for Singapore and Calcutta.  
Amoy, for Whampoa.

CLEARED.

Pookang, for Swatow and Shanghai.  
Formosa, for Coast Ports.  
Marie, for Haiphong.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For Amoy, from Shanghai, Mr. Passmore,  
and 10 Chinese.

For Haitan, from Coast Ports, Messrs  
Thomas, William Gittins and Quenel, and  
14 Chinese.

For Freja, from Haiphong, 70 Chinese.

For Dembe, from Haiphong, 14 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

For Cheong Hock Kien, for Swatow, 200  
Chinese.

For Freja, for Singapore, Messrs G. D.  
Morrell, C. C. Drexel, for Calcutta, Messrs W. H. F. Darby, O. D.  
Bottomley, Major W. P. Gould, and Mrs.  
Gould.

For Pookang, for Swatow, 1 European,  
and 14 Chinese.

For Formosa, for Coast Ports, 5 Euro  
peans, and 150 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

For Marie, for Haiphong, Madame Mar  
tin, and 30 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Amoy reports:  
Had light S.W. winds to Turnabout, and  
moderate N.E. winds and calm to port.

The British steamer Haitan reports:  
Left Pookang January 8th, had moderate  
N.E. and Northerly winds, with clear  
weather, Amoy on 7th; left Amoy  
same day, steamer in port. Pookang and  
Tuenai. Experienced light Northerly and  
N.W. winds with calm and fog to Swatow  
on 10th; left Swatow 10th, steamer in  
port, Pookang, Tuenai and Haiphong. Mod  
erate to fresh N.E. winds and clear  
weather throughout to port.

The British steamer Dembe reports:  
Had fine weather and light winds to Hainan  
Head; strong N.E. monsoon from thence to  
port.

EXPORT CARGOES.

For S. S. Belgic, sailed January 10th:—  
For Yokohama, 6,173 bags Sugar and 737  
pkgs. Merchandise; for San Francisco,  
17,142 bags Rice, 50 bags Beans, 49 bags  
Pepper, 200 bags Coffee, 382 boxes Nut Oil,  
12 cases Silk, 85 pkgs. Tea, 1 box Treasure  
valued at \$2,500 and 7,390 pkgs. Merchandise;  
for Victoria, B.C., 8 pkgs. Merchandise.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

JANUARY 12, 1888.

Stocks.	Nos. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	Position per Last Report.	Balance Forward.	Last Dividend.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
BANKS.—							
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	50,000	12	all	\$ 3,900,000	\$ 8,228.50	30 for 1 year to June 30/87	\$155 1/2 prom., buyers
INSURANCE.—							
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	2 1/2	all	100,000	406,132.00	Tls. 23.05 for 1886	Tls. 262 1/2 buyers
Yangtze Insurance Company, Ltd.	10,000	29 1/2	all	50,000	3,059.70	10 for 1886	Tls. 110 buyers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	83.35	25 1/2	675,000	314,012.95	26 1/2 for 1886	\$97 1/2 per cent. buyers
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	250	50	230,000	245,240.00	20 for 1886	\$41 buyers
Chinese Insurance Co., Limited.	1,500	1,008	200	28,711 50	125,771.20	10 for 1886	\$210
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	250	50	1,000,000	328,567.48	\$27.50 for 1886	\$375 sales
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	20	612,500	245,738.44	\$ 6 for 1885	\$75 sales
Singapore Insurance Company, Ltd.	40,000	100	20	1,000,000	17,000		\$20
The Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	20	200,000	7,713.40		\$15
The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	50,000	100	20	200,000	70,822.92		\$31 sales
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—							
H.K. O. and M. Steamship Co., Ltd.	40,000	2	all	\$ 40,000	5,911.80	7 1/2 half year to June 30/87	\$214 sales
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	50	all	\$ 127,320	1151.13	8 for 1886	\$47 sales
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	18,387 1/2	1 1/2	all	10	4,387.50	7 for 1885	12 1/2 dis. sellers
60,000 shares issued.	31,212 1/2	1 1/2	all	10			par, nominal
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	3,600	10 1/2	all				
MISCELLANEOUS.—							
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	12,500	12 1/2	all		1,452.01	6 1/2 for 1 year to June 30/87	40 prem.
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited.	5,100	10	all		9,177.31	10 for 1886	\$130 per share, buyers, fully paid up
New Share.	1,900	10 1/2	7 1/2		1,527.31	35 half year to June 30/87	\$185
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	3,000	10 1/2	all		678.94	10 for 1886	\$185
China Sugar Company, Limited.	15,000	10 1/2	all		13,781.53	12 for 1 year to June 30/87	\$155 buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited.	5,000	25	all		30,000	12 for 1886	\$57
Hongkong Battery Company, Ltd.	1,000	10	all		514.68	10 for 1886	\$110
Luen Sun Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	10 1/2	all		129,303.18	10 for 1886	\$110
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	5,000	60	all				None
Perak Tin Mining & S'ing Co., Ltd.	5,000	60	all				None
Punjong & Sanghis Das Samatan	40,000	10	all				None
Mining Co.	17,000	100	all				None
H.K. & Kw. Wharf & Godown Co.	1,000	100	all				None
H'kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	3,000	50	all				7 1/2
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.	3,800	100	all		5,000	13 for 1886	65 1/2 prem.
H.K. High-Level Tramway Co., Ltd.	1,250	100	50				12 1/2 prem., nominal
LOANS.—							
Chinese Imperial 1884	8,565 Tl.	500	all		8	June 16/84	7 1/2 prem., buyers
" " 1884	318 1/2	500	all		8	Oct 15	0 prem., buyers
" " 1885	770,000 Tl.	250	all		7	March & Sept.	10 1/2 prem., buyers

\* Equalisation of Dividend Fund.



A coolie named Lo Ahung was charged before Mr. Wodehouse, in the Police Court today, with entering a dwelling-house in Queen's Road West this morning, and appropriating clothing of the value of \$70. Ho Shun Chun, contractor, the complainant, stated that he retired to rest about 2 a.m. at which time he observed that the stolen articles were in the house. Two hours afterwards he was awakened by hearing a noise in the room, and noticed that the articles in question had disappeared. A carpenter who lives on the ground floor of the same house and he heard complainant crying "thief," and immediately afterwards saw the prisoner running from the house carrying the bundle produced in Court. The prisoner was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Mr. Sercombe Smith, in the Police Court today, imposed the substantial fine of \$40, with the alternative of three months' hard labour, upon Chan Atai, who resides in Second Street, for keeping a latrine in bad condition. Mr. J. J. Clerihew, Inspector of Nuisances, who brought the charge, said the defendant had been repeatedly cautioned, but without effect. As a Chinaman is never without an excuse, Chan Atai made no exception of himself, but his defence was too weak to be of any avail. Ho Ahung, a married woman who was charged with a similar offence, which she admitted, was fined \$10 with the alternative of a week's imprisonment. It is to be hoped that the forty-dollar fine will not be without its salutary effect on people whose views on sanitation are in harmony with those of Chan Atai.

We have received from Mr. Bruce Shepherd, the proprietor of the "Hongkong Almanack," an excellent wall map of Hongkong and British Kowloon. We have no hesitation in saying it is the best and most reliable map of the Colony we have seen. It is up to date. All the roads that have been recently constructed are shown, together with one military road that is in process of construction. The Bowen or Conduit Road is prominently indicated, and the tunnel, which stretches from the junction of that road with Taitan Road to the Taitan Reservoir is traced. The new Roads at the Peak and in the Kowloon Peninsula are all given, while all the outlying villages, large and small, are marked. At the corner of the map is a table giving the distances of the various stations and villages from Hongkong. The scale is two inches to one square mile.

There is a community of feeling between Hongkong and Shanghai, which is sure to manifest itself in any case of accident or suffering. We have been shown a letter of sympathy sent on behalf of the "Victoria Steam Fire Engine Company," of Shanghai, which we reproduce to show how Shanghai joins with Hongkong in deploring the accident which happened to Mr. Ross, the foreman of the Hongkong Volunteer Brigade, and in sympathizing with the sufferer. The letter is as follows:—

Shanghai, 6th January, 1888.  
Dear Sir:—The news of the painful and unfortunate accident which befell you at the recent extensive fire in your Colony has reached this place, and has caused us all very deep concern and regret, in which the "Victories" of Shanghai unanimously join, and I am directed to acquaint you that at the Annual General Meeting of the Company, held on the 4th instant, the members passed a motion expressive of this and of their sincere sympathy with you under your misfortune.

In communicating this to you I am to add that the members hope to receive good accounts of your progress towards recovery.

With best wishes, I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

C. S. SHAH,  
Hon. Sec. "Victoria" Steam Fire Engine Co.

The following is the Order of the Day for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held to-morrow:—

First reading of the following Bills:—

(a) The Cathedral Ordinance, 1888.

(b) The Vagrancy Ordinance, 1888.

(c) An Ordinance to provide for the preservation of copies of Books printed in Hongkong, and for the registration of such Books.

(d) An Ordinance to amend the Reformatory Schools Ordinance, 1886.

(e) The Regulation of Chinese Ordinance, 1888.

(f) An Ordinance prohibiting the Enclosure of Verandas erected over Crown Lands.

(g) An Ordinance for the Registration of Imports and Exports.

(h) The Trees Preservation Ordinance, 1888.

(i) The Unclaimed Balances Ordinance, 1888.

(j) An Ordinance to amend The Crown Remedies Ordinance, 1875.

(k) The Official Signatures Fees Ordinance, 1888.

(l) An Ordinance for the naturalization of Fritz Adolph Frickus Groben.

(m) An Ordinance for the naturalization of Hui Loo Ngaw alias Loo Kiu Fung.

(n) An Ordinance for the naturalization of Lai Shang Ahn Lai Chek Kin.

(o) An Ordinance for the naturalization of Lai Kit, alias Lai Cheuk.

(p) An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 15 of 1888.

THE LANCET, a correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*, the *Standard*, *the Times*, and *the Daily Telegraph*, writes from London, Ma is a man with a history like that of the Count. He was first a priest in his native province, but having been persecuted by the teachings of some Catholic missionaries, he embraced Christianity. He was even admitted into the Order of Jesus. He then came to abandon the Order and became a politician and financier is not known. It is not quite certain what object he has in view in coming to London. It is, however, beyond doubt that he has given up all hope of doing anything in the United States, or of carrying back from there any portion of the small fortune to the Government and to Li Hung Chang which he was specially sent to receive.

It is a very hard task indeed to instil a knowledge of the most elementary principles of sanitation or of the laws of health into the minds of the Chinese. In a Chinese man's eyes the few dogs and cats he has gathered round him seem of far more importance to him than his health, and it would seem almost as if they outweighed the value of his own life. It is therefore not much to be wondered at that the Police and the Sanitary authorities are finding great difficulties in enforcing the orders with regard to the steps to be taken on small-pox breaking out in a house. We suppose that all the means at the disposal of the authorities have been used to make known these instructions to all classes of the Community. The Sanitary Inspectors are going round the various quarters daily, and they doubtless have not neglected to instruct those who may not have seen the official notices. Perhaps a little more might be done in this way by posting up the proclamation at every corner of the street. The violation, however, of the orders in nine cases out of ten does not arise from ignorance of the requirements but from unwillingness to take the trouble to comply with them. The fumigation of a house would mean some inconvenience, perhaps the destruction of some articles of clothing; and rather than allow this to happen some of the natives are as heartless as to drive out their sick to the streets and leave them to the tender mercies of a passing constable. Every day suffers from small-pox are being picked up in this way. Numbers also who have suffered but a slight attack

also go to the hospitals, and are to be found walking about the streets as if nothing had happened. Women with children almost black with the disease come out quite openly into the streets and seem to have no thought of the evil results of their stupidity. These and other similar incidents force upon one the conviction that the instructions must be enforced by heavy penalties, that the natives must at least be threatened into obeying rules, the breaking of which will prove disastrous to the health of the Colony. We trust, therefore, that the police will not leave a stone unturned to find out what families have been guilty of the recklessness and cruelty of setting their sick members down on the streets; and that sharp punishments will be inflicted on all offenders. They have no excuse at all for their conduct. Immediately on their reporting cases at the Police station their sick are taken charge of and there is abundant room at the Tung Wa Hospital and at the Civil Hospital for the patients. The disease, we are sorry to say, is spreading. It has not yet got to such an extent as need alarm any residents who use the slightest precautions, but unless the rules for preventing its spreading are stringently enforced the danger may become far greater than it is at present.

THE *Canton Observer* says:—The Export Returns keep full pace with the Railway receipts in token of the tide of prosperity. We call the special attention of all seaports and obstructive to the Chamber of Commerce table, and especially to the magnificent increase of nearly 1,800,000 lb. in Tea; the exports to the 22nd instant being 3,111,418 against 1,492,551 lb. to the same date last year.

THE Arsenal at Pagoda seems to be in a state of great bustle and activity. They are pushing on with the construction of the armour-clad gunboat laid down about a year ago and working day and night. The electric light is in use, having been quite lately introduced. Two lamps are suspended in the engine room and are quite sufficient to illuminate an area of some four hundred square feet. One light is also kept alight under the mat shelter under which the ships being put together. As far as we know this is the first armoured ship built in the Arsenal.—*Panama Echo*.

THE Medical staff in India will be immediately augmented by the arrival from England of some one hundred and sixty additional Surgeons. Forty-five Surgeons will be, at least temporarily, employed in Western India. The war in Burma had retarded inconveniently the Medical staff in India, but it will now be raised considerably above its ordinary strength. We note a prevalent belief that there exists an intention of having all things in readiness for the moving of two Army Corps to the North, if political complications should arise rendering such a demonstration necessary.—*Bombay Gazette*.

I HEAR, says the London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*, that Sir John Walsam, British Minister at Peking, is negotiating with the Chinese Government for the addition of an article of great importance to the lately ratified convention about Burma. This clause has relation to the telegraphic systems of Burma and China, and provides for their connection at the frontier. As yet no telegraph crosses the frontier of China at any point. The Burma lines have long been completed to Bhamo, and the telegraph has reached Yunnan long since. If the two systems were connected and a new route between China and Europe thus secured, merchants having business with the Far East would find the benefit immediately. The present rates are maintained by an agreement between the British Cable Company and the Danish Siberian Company.

THE *Victoria* made exceptionally good running on her first voyage out, but she seems to have made a still faster passage home. Leaving Bombay on November 11th she reached Plymouth on November 30th. Allowing for stoppages at ports and for the passage through the Canal, the voyage was accomplished in sixteen days four hours, giving an average speed of fifteen and three quarter knots, or over eighteen miles an hour. And yet we still hear of people ridiculing the idea that vessels plying between England and India could ever approach the Atlantic liners in speed. The *Victoria's* voyage is an effective refutation of absurdity of the arguments put forward by the India Office authorities when the new contract was made with the P. and O. Had they known what they were about, voyaging Anglo-Indians might have been made an hour faster than they are now likely to do for the next ten years to come.—*Times*.

THE quotation for Patna opium at Poohow has been for the last few months rather below that of Hongkong, with charges included, caused it to be sold by a few rich native dealers, who import the drug direct from Hongkong and sell here at a loss of 10 to 15 dollars a chest, in the hope of driving away foreign importers. The idea is no doubt a foolish one, but in the mean time it does a great deal of harm to those dealers who buy from foreign houses, and are able neither to sell nor compete with those who purchase from the native importers. This state of affairs has caused many native retail dealers to use native opium instead of Indian, which pays them better, on account of its cheapness, and which is now very much used by the low class people. The natives assert that in other countries they supply the whole country demand while the Indian drug will only be used by the officials and upper classes.—*Panama Echo*.

THE *Bookworm*, a new magazine published by Mr. Elliot Brock, says:—Perhaps the most singular curiosity in the book world is a volume that belongs to the family of the disappeared. The *Passion of Christ*, and is neither written nor printed. Every letter of the text is cut out of a leaf, and being interleaved with blank paper, is as easily read as the best print. The labour and patience bestowed upon its composition must have been excessive, as the copy which the printer and publisher of the volume are engaged to print is a single sheet of paper, and the volume is indeed admirable, and the vellum is of the most delicate and costly kind. Rudolph II. of Germany offered for it, in 1640, 11,000 ducats, which was probably equal to 60,000 at that time. The most remarkable circumstance connected with the literary transaction is that it bears the royal arms of England; but when it was in that country, and by whom owned, has never been ascertained.

THE terms in which this proclamation is couched more than justify the remarks we have repeatedly made on the conduct of the Chinese authorities in endeavouring to spirit away Chinese residents in the Colony. And after all the lecturing we are to suppose the Viceroy got he makes an impertinent excuse for his action, alleging that his rough and ready system avoided the chance of the criminals hearing of the authorities being in their pursuit. How true are the words which we wrote about ten months ago, when a Chinese mandarin got into trouble in Hongkong for his illegal proceedings. We then said:—

The principles which govern the civilized nations of the West in their laws for the extradition of criminals have not yet been grasped by the officials of China. In Hongkong we have had frequent reminders of this fact, and it is now exactly the reverse of the case. The High Authorities of Canton utterly fail to comprehend why their bare word should not be at once accepted for the giving-up of any criminal of Chinese birth into their custody. It has even been argued that the violation of the seal of this Island, when a Chinaman was seized by Chinese officers in our very streets, was exactly the reverse of the case. The Chinese officials of Canton utterly fail to comprehend why their bare word should not be at once accepted for the giving-up of any criminal of Chinese birth into their custody. It has even been argued that the violation of the seal of this Island, when a Chinaman was seized by Chinese officers in our very streets, was exactly the reverse of the case. 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